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The State Office of Ethnic Affairs received high marks from teachers and students of various Utah schools that participated in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Adopt-A-School program.

The 15 schools that participated in the program learned of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s ideals of diversity, equality, and human rights for all.

"The Adopt-A-School program aims to educate elementary school children about the importance of respect, understanding, and acceptance of all people," said Michael Styles, director of Black Affairs and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission.

Each of the elementary schools received books on diversity and culture. "The Martin Luther King Jr. Adopt-A-School program is an important tool and resource... it builds bridges between communities starting with our children," said Styles.

The Adopt-A-School program continues through April 2006 with presentations that will focus on different cultures each month.

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